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a Mexican or two in retaliation for their murdered comrade, I could pardon, though not justify it; but the wholesale slaughter, I fear, will bring reproach upon the whole volunteer force. It was but the act of a few reckless desperadoes, who care neither for God, man, nor themselves."

We shudder at such a tale of savage cruelty and vengeance; but it is in truth a pretty fair specimen of the whole war. In the eye of God, is this very butchery worse than the other butcheries perpetrated on Mexican soil at the command of our rulers? In what respect is it worse than the wanton attack on Tampico, the capture of Monterey, or the bombardment of Vera Cruz? True, the latter butcheries do not *seem* to be the work of *individual* revenge; but the deeds actually done are essentially the same, and all from motives even worse than those which instigated these butchers from Arkansas. They did it to avenge a murdered comrade; but what had Mexico herself done to provoke the terrible vengeance we have for nearly a year been wreaking upon thousands and thousands of her innocent people?

Many more details of this war, especially the horrid scenes of Buena Vista and Vera Cruz, must be postponed for future record. We think what we have here given, will amply suffice for the present; and devoutly do we hope that we shall be able to record, in our next number, the success of efforts, understood to be now in progress, for an amicable termination of hostilities. Let all Christians pray earnestly for a consummation so devoutly to be wished.

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#### HOME OPERATIONS.

**AGENCIES.**—Our Secretary has been for the most part engaged of late in New York and Philadelphia, in both which cities we need, and hope in due time to have, efficient auxiliaries. We have in each a number of able and devoted friends; but they have not as yet formed any organization sufficient to call forth the latent peace principle and zeal diffused through those communities. They are the chief radiant points for the spread of information and influence in this cause all over the land; and we have already begun a train of measures to secure this object in due time.

Our Secretary has, also, prepared a **PEACE MANUAL**, an epitome of the general subject, an 18mo of 252 pages, designed for circulation first among ministers of the gospel, and afterwards in families through the land. It is already stereotyped; and, before this reaches our friends, an edition of 1000 will have been published.

The Rev. W. H. DALRYMPLE, one of our agents, gives an encouraging report of his labors the last quarter. He has "visited eleven towns, and preached or lectured twenty-six times, besides attending several concerts of prayer, and other meetings, where he had an opportunity of directing the minds of the people to the subject of peace in connection with the object of the meeting." He has "uniformly been received with the utmost kindness by both pastor and people;" and we learn that a very good impression has been made in nearly, if not quite every instance where he has

lectured. We are glad to find pastors showing so much approbation, sympathy and aid to those who are especially engaged in pleading our cause.

FUNDS.—We thank our friends for the degree of liberality which they have shown of late, yet beg to say that we shall need, before our anniversary this month, much more than we are likely to receive. We trust they will bear this in mind, and *forward us all they can before the last Monday in May.*

REVIEW OF THE MEXICAN WAR—*Premium offered of \$500.*—The Am. Peace Society hereby offer a Premium of \$500 for the best *Review of the present War with Mexico*; the Essays to be presented in four months after the close of the war, and the Premium, if any Essay is deemed worthy of it, to be awarded by the Hon. SIMON GREENLEAF, LL. D., the Rev. FRANCIS WAYLAND, D. D., and the Rev. WILLIAM JENKS, D. D.

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The manuscripts may be forwarded to the subscriber either at 21 Cornhill, Boston, or to M. W. Dodd's care, Brick Church Chapel, New York.

By order of the Executive Committee of the Am. Peace Society.

GEO. C. BECKWITH, *Cor. Secretary.*

February, 1847.

This offer, published at its date in a large number of our most widely circulated newspapers, we republish here for present use and future reference. We hope the return of peace will soon open the way for this important movement, and doubt not that we shall obtain such a review as we want. We know that some of the first minds in the country are already engaged in preparing the review; and we may take this opportunity of assuring any who may be induced to write, that there will probably be no difficulty in disposing of the copy-right of the successful essay to the writer's entire satisfaction. We shall of course wish to control its use for *gratuitous* circulation; but beyond that, we shall have no desire except to have it go in every possible way over the whole land.

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NEXT ANNIVERSARY.—This will occur on Monday, May 24th, in Boston. The public exercises, of which due notice may be expected in the papers, will be held at 7½ o'clock in the evening of that day; but we hope as many of our members as possible will be here at an *earlier* hour, to attend

the business meetings, which will be *this* year of very special importance. The Exec. Com. took the precaution last autumn to consult our members, by a circular addressed to them all, on the chief points to be brought in official form before them at the coming anniversary ; but, though their responses were almost entirely unanimous, nothing has yet been *completed*, and their presence will be necessary for the formal doing of what they have so generally expressed a wish to have done. For this purpose, they must come to the meeting ; and, as so much *may* depend on the annual business meeting this year in particular, we hope *all* our members will make a set effort to be present. The whole Constitution is to be revised, a new President chosen, and a full, unequivocal understanding had of the permanent policy to be pursued.

**SPEAKERS.**—The Rev. Dr. BAIRD, well known through the world by his travels and labors in Europe the last eight or ten years, is expected either to deliver the regular annual address before the Society, or to make a speech, along with several gentlemen of distinction, such as Hon. RICHARD FLETCHER, and Messrs. GEO. S. HILLARD and CHARLES SUMNER, Esqs., to whom we have applied, and who will speak on that occasion, if their engagements will permit.

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